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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Re: MB Docket 13-249

Comments of Dale W. Adkins

Dale W. Adkins, having been active in owning, managing, and technically maintaining small market AM radio station since 1963, respectfully submits the following comments in the matter of the Revitalization of AM Broadcasting.

FCC Proposal A

Assignment of FM Translators to licensees of AM broadcast stations can make the business operations of the AM licensee more competitive. However, such assistance for the AM station operator does not contribute to the viability of AM radio, and by driving additional audience to the FM band adds to the problems of sustaining medium wave AM broadcasting.

FCC Proposal F

Current tower and tower-site regulations for AM licensees can and should be relaxed. The costs associated with towers and tower-sites are a major expense and detriment to the profitable operation of AM stations. Use of the various available antenna designs which provide sufficient coverage without major tower and tower-siting expenses should be permitted and encouraged.

FCC Proposals B,C,D and E

This commenter will leave discussion of these engineering/technical issues to the many qualified and experienced Professional Engineers, contract engineers and consultants who are submitting comments. However, I concur with the comments that are being filed regarding enforcement of regulations against man-made noise from proliferating devices such as switching power supplies, personal computers, and compact florescent lights..

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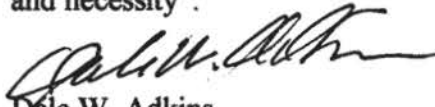
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FCC Proposal G

An additional proposal this commenter would like to have the Commission address is the use of low-power, same-frequency synchronous transmitters. Use of these low power transmitters, synchronized with the station's main transmitter, is now a functional reality and would provide extended community of license coverage for AM stations with no or minimum interference to other stations.

The Commission's interest in maintaining a healthy and functioning medium wave AM broadcasting system is sincerely appreciated and serves the "public interest, convenience and necessity".



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